

Christmas Day Brings Cheer and Glad Tidings to Rich and Poor.



NOW DAWNS THE DAY OF UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD

"As I look back over the span of my life, before stepping over the threshold into the new century, there is only one grand theme which surges up in my mind to the exclusion of all else, that of the heaven-born brotherhood of man. It is peculiarly appropriate in this happy season, when all our thoughts are of the blessed Christ-child, that we should reflect upon the true meaning of his mission. In chronicling the event the Apostle tells us that angels sang through the midnight air the refrain of 'Peace on earth Good will among men.' Christ in his life and death was the incarnation of the great idea of the duty of man to his brother man, and the nineteen centuries which have rolled away since he commanded his disciples to 'love thy neighbor' have but emphasized the ideal toward which humanity is striving. Never before through all the history of the ages was the goal so close as now.

In the spirit of Him to whom this happy season is dedicated, let us gaze across the border of the coming century, in full confidence that with our own eyes we shall see the dawning of the day of human brotherhood.

ROBERT COLLIER, D. D.

Pastor Thirty-fourth Street Unitarian Church.

CHRISTIANS MUST WORK FOR PEACE.

At this close of the nineteenth century we naturally ask ourselves if the peace which Christ promised to His beloved is any nearer than it was one hundred years ago. The conference at The Hague would indicate that the rulers of the earth are coming to worship at His footstool; but, alas! the two nations of all the world to which we must look for the growing light are plunged into war. What does it mean? It can mean nothing but that a large part of the work is yet before us. Let us join in Christ's prayer, "Thy kingdom come," and turn to Him for salvation.

The thoughts of Catholics throughout the world greet with eager longing the dawning of the Holy Year appointed by the Pontifical decree.

MONSIGNOR JOHN M. FARLEY.

St. Gabriel's Church, East Thirty-seventh street.

GAY CHRISTMAS AND PLENTY FOR THE POOR.

Thousands of Dinners Will Be Served to Those in Want and Jolly Diversions Are Planned in Many Places—Presents in Profusion.

Christmas comes but once a year.

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There was an exodus yesterday and the day before from the city to the country places of the rich scattered along the north shore of Long Island and up through Westchester County. Numerous house parties have been arranged. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Gould will have a party of friends over the holidays at Westbury, and Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Mills will entertain a large number of holiday guests at Southampton.

The main feature of the day in the Westchester colony will be a run after the hounds by the Westchester Hunt Club, followed by a dinner at Rocker Dell, the country home of Mrs. Jules Reynal, at White Plains. Mr. and Mrs. William Rockefeller will spend Christmas quietly at Rockwood Hall, their home near Scarborough. Their guests are Mr. and Mrs. William Rockefeller, Jr., and a few other relatives.

Many dinners will be served at the Ardley Casino. If the weather is favorable Edwin Gould, Frank J. Gould, A. L. Barber, and others will give automobile parties to Ardley.

HAPPY TIMES IN TRENTON.

Work is Abundant and Wages Will Be Raised in Several Places.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 24.—It has been a good many years since the working people in Trenton will spend as merry a Christmas as this year.

Every man in Trenton who is willing to work is employed, and the various manufacturing concerns are running night and day to keep up with orders. Many of the potteries, rubber mills and iron works are largely increasing their capacity. Several of the industries have announced that they will increase the wages of their employees the first of the year.

Heretofore it has been the custom of the manufacturers to close from Christmas till New Year's, but this year they will shut down one day only, because of the work they have on hand.

\$80,000 WILLIAM STREET FIRE.

Berlin-Jones Envelope Company Burned Out—300 Girls Out of Work.

Four alarms were sent in early yesterday for a fire which nearly destroyed the building Nos. 124 and 126 William street, and also damaged the adjoining structures. The loss was \$80,000. The firemen had great difficulty in getting water into the building, because of the iron shutters on the windows, which could not be opened.

The building was occupied by the Berlin-Jones Envelope Company, whose loss is \$80,000. The building was built thirty years ago. The flames extended to No. 122 William street, a four-story structure, occupied by Henry Allen, wholesale druggist, whose loss will be \$10,000, and No. 128, occupied by Thurston & Bradish, importers of gum, whose loss is \$15,000. More than three hundred girls will be thrown out of work.

Moody Memorial Service To-Morrow.

The elaborate memorial service for the late Mr. Moody will be held at 2:30 to-morrow afternoon in the Calvary Baptist Church in West Fifty-seventh street. The Rev. Dr. Russell Conwell and John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, have been asked to attend, and it is believed they will accept. Many ministers will take part.



FEATURES OF THE UNIVERSAL HOLIDAY.

SALVATION ARMY'S THANKS FOR THE JOURNAL'S AID TO THE MAMMOTH CHRISTMAS DINNER FUND.

"THE Salvation Army, on behalf of the poor of New York and Brooklyn, tenders its hearty thanks to the Journal for its splendid co-operation in regard to the Mammoth Christmas dinner. Thanks largely to its assistance, we have not only been enabled to carry out our original proposition of feeding 20,000, but shall be able to increase that number to 23,000. This will, we believe, be the largest undertaking of the kind that this or any other city has witnessed.

"From thousands of grateful hearts a chorus of 'God bless you's' and 'Happy Christmases' are wafted to the proprietor, editors and staff of the New York Journal."

Frederick Shuman Booth, Lt. Col.

GOOD CHEER IN MANY PLACES ON THE FESTAL DAY.

Special musical services in every church in the city. Turkey dinners in all city institutions, private institutions and asylums. Annual dinner to homeless men at the McAuley Water Street Mission. Senator T. D. Sullivan's annual dinner to the lodging house population at the club rooms, No. 207 Bowery. Annual Christmas dinner to newboys, given by Frank Tilford, in Lyce Hall, Sixth avenue, near Forty-second street. Special Christmas dinner to detained immigrants at Ellis Island. Pigeon shooting and cross country runs at nearly all of the country clubs. Special matinee performances at all the theatres. Dinner to Brooklyn newboys at No. 814 Manhattan avenue, Brooklyn.

SHOULD FORGET STRIFE AND BITTERNESS.

Christmas still continues to be the most joyous festival of the Church; it makes the joy of childhood more joyous, and it lightens the burdens of age and sorrow with its tender memories and its triumphant prophecies. In the chill of midwinter in Northern climes it kindles a fire of hope and joy in every heart and in every home. It is prophetic of the golden age when Christ shall come again; evil shall be overthrown; and when the song of redeemed humanity shall sweep over the universe as the song of celestial choirs echoed over the plains of Bethlehem. By the gifts which characterize this season we commemorate God's great gift, the unspeakable gift of His son to a world lost in sin and wandering in darkness.

No one can rightly investigate the blessings which flow every year to all classes and conditions of men, from the tender memories and gentle charities called forth by the remembrance of the holy child Jesus. Christmas is not only a period of holy joy, but also of kindly feeling; a time when all wrong relations with our fellow men should be readjusted; a time when all strife and bitterness should be eliminated from heart and life; a time when the song of the angels that echoed over the plains of Bethlehem should be fulfilled in all human experience. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."—R. S. McARTHUR, Pastor Calvary Baptist Church.

"PEACE," SHIBBOLETH OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

"In the ninth chapter of the book of Isaiah is the prophecy which foretells the coming of the Messiah, and in his divine inspiration the prophet says: 'And He shall be called the Prince of Peace.' That is the thought which should dwell with all men during the Christmas tide.

"Peace, forbearance and brotherhood should be held constantly before the eyes of Christian nations as these watchwords of life and conduct. The war which our own Government is waging in the distant Philippines appears to me to be without justification. The war which Great Britain has brought upon the Boers is without cause. It is saddening to the hearts of Christian men that on the closing Christmas day of the century the two great civilizing nations of the world should be engaged in bloodshed and tyranny. But the process of the redemption of man is slow."—J. B. REMENSNYDER, D. D., pastor of St. James' English Lutheran Church.

GIFTS FOR MIDGETS OF THE THEATRES.

Coming Stars of the Stage Fill Tony Pastor's Theatre and Get Warm Clothing, Toys and Other Necessaries of the Time.

The children of the stage don't see very much of toys and clothing.

Told What They Wanted.

Many of the children were in advance to the committee to tell what they wanted, and as far as possible their wishes were gratified. Many wanted books, others toys, watches, tools, sleds, make-up boxes, dress suit cases, banjos, violins, story books and dolls. One asked for a Bible, another a clock, and another a doll. For those who expressed no choice a liberal assortment of toys was purchased. Part of the big fund was spent for shoes and clothes, and yesterday morning one hundred and fifty children went to Tammany Hall and were properly shod and clothed.

Little Ones Entertain.

Last evening the children and their older friends filled Tony Pastor's Theatre and enjoyed a fine entertainment—the performers ranging from four to sixteen years of age. Little Josephine Schmoecker, a clever actress, made her debut as a dramatist, and her performance was highly commendable. Tiny Baby Allen, aged four, proved the star of the evening by her imitations of prominent singers, and a dozen other little ones sang and danced and recited. The entertainment concluded with a cakewalk in which all the performers participated, and when the final number, a similar performance by older folks, was seen.

After the distribution of toys the children danced until midnight.

ARMY'S DINNERS FOR 23,000 READY.

4,000 Persons Will Be Fed at the Garden During the Day.

The cinematograph exhibition of the Passion Play is set for 7:30 P. M. on Thursday night. The exhibition is in the garden, and will witness this and take part in the service which goes with it. There are some reserved seats, but they are for those who desire to pay.

Figures sometimes convey an idea of magnitude where ordinary words fail. In getting the Garden ready twenty men worked all Saturday night. There were fifty already working there all yesterday and all last night, while more than 250 Army officers and men will be required to carry through the labor of today. The cooks have been cooking about a dozen days, and the kitchen has been busy for twenty tables, with 200 chairs at each table. These tables will be set at least twelve days before.

20,000 Pounds of Poultry.

In the material matter of food there will be prepared 20,000 pounds of poultry and 10,000 pounds of other meats, 125 barrels of potatoes, 4,000 plum puddings, the smallest of two pounds and the largest of five pounds, 10,000 pounds of turnips, cabbage, cauliflower, parsnips and spinach; thirty-five barrels of apples, besides 4,000 oranges and lemons.

Memorial Window in Holy Trinity.

A memorial window erected by Leader H. Crail in memory of his wife was dedicated yesterday in the Holy Trinity Church, Lenox avenue and the Hundred and Twenty-second street. The window is the work of Henry T. Nichols, a painter. Many intimate friends of the Crail family were present. The window is a three-story high. The subject is the dedication of the window, and is one of the scenes in Christ's life. It is to be dedicated to the memory of the Crail family.